



Commencement

Spring 2009



Fifty-second Commencement

Saturday • May 16, 2009

Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

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9:30 a.m.

School of Arts & Sciences • School of Technology • Associate Degrees

Noon

Robert W. Plaster School of Business Administration • School of Education
Bachelor of General Studies

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Invocation	Mrs. Grace Ayton <i>9:30 a.m. Ceremony, Associate Professor, School of Technology, Missouri Southern State University</i> Dr. Patsy K. Lipira <i>Noon Ceremony, Head, Department of Kinesiology; Professor, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Bruce W. Speck <i>President, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Mr. Dwight Douglas <i>Chair, Board of Governors, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Commencement Speaker	Dr. Richard Page <i>Neosho R-5 Superintendent; President, Southern's Organization of Superintendents</i>
Presentation of Class	Dr. John P. Messick <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Bruce W. Speck

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. Carla Walter <i>President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. John P. Messick
Turning of the Tassel	Mrs. Linda Dean, '78 <i>President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 18)	Ms. Renee Forest <i>'09 Music Major, Diamond</i> Mr. Evan Jewsbury <i>'09 Psychology Major, Webb City</i>
Benediction	Mrs. Grace Ayton, 9:30 a.m. Ceremony; Dr. Patsy K. Lipira, Noon Ceremony
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Sign Language Interpreter	Mrs. Mary Zustiak

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.



Dr. Richard Page
Superintendent of Neosho R-5 Schools
Commencement Speaker

Dr. Richard Page was born and reared in Little Rock, Arkansas. He graduated from McClellan High School and attended Arkansas State University where he received his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Music Education. He began his teaching career in Matthews, Missouri. During his teaching tenure he directed honors bands in Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri. He served as the President of the Southwest Missouri Music Educators Association in 1987.

He served as the band director and music supervisor in the Joplin R-8 School District. During that time the Joplin Band competed in the Cherry Blossom Parade and Concert Competition in Washington, D.C., where the band was ranked in the top 5 percent of the nation for performance. He started his administrative career by serving as principal in the East Newton School District and the Webb City School District. His first school superintendent experience was at Sarcoxie.

In 2000-2001 he accepted the position as Assistant Superintendent of Neosho Schools and was appointed Superintendent in 2009, where he continues to serve. Dr. Page received his Doctorate in Administration from the University of Arkansas.

He currently serves on the state District Accountability Committee for the Missouri Association of School Administrators and is President of MSSU's Southern's Organization of Superintendents.

Dr. Page and his wife, Pam, have two sons, Samuel and Kyle.

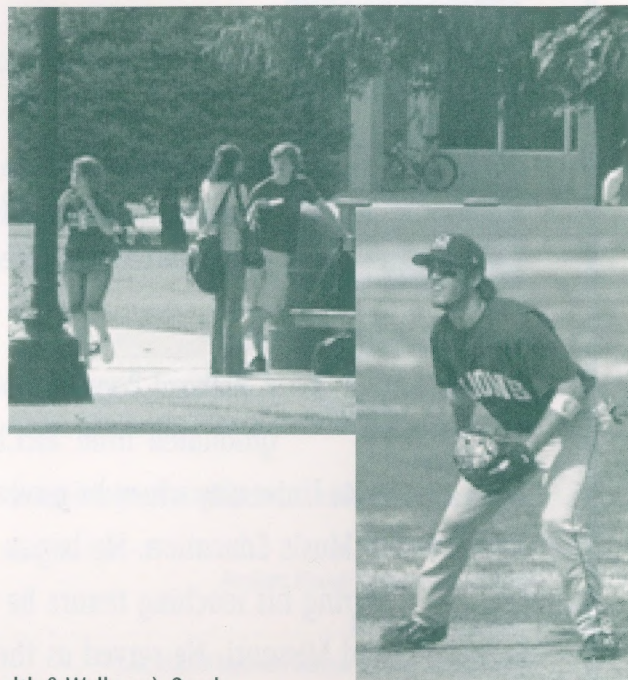
Points of Pride

Quality academic programs ...

- 100% pass rate National Radiologic Technologists certification exam.
- 100% pass rate on Registered Nurse exams.
- 100% pass rate on the Missouri Certification Exam in Environmental Health.

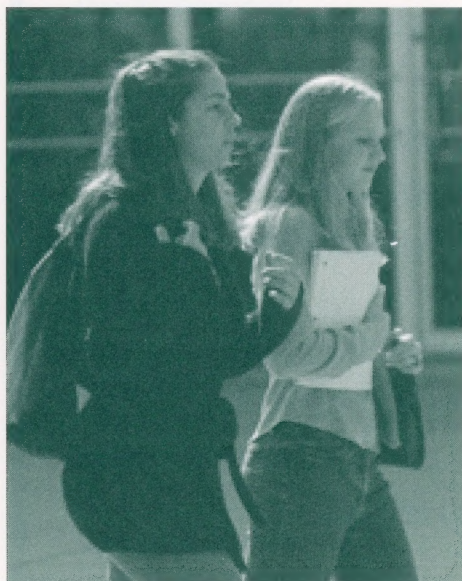
Outstanding athletic programs ...

- Missouri Southern ranks among the best academically in the MIAA.
- During the 2008-09 season, Missouri Southern Athletics produced:
 - 5 All-Americans
 - 5 All-Region selections
 - 49 All-Conference selections
 - 19 National Scholar Athlete selections
 - 88 MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll selections
 - MIAA Women's Cross Country Champions
 - NCAA South Central Women's Cross Country Champs



Exceptional students ...

- Glenn D. Dolence Leadership/Service Award recipient **Shannon Borgard** (Health & Wellness), Ozark. Shannon is an Honors Program student and Track and Field athlete, who has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), a Big Sister for the United Way and a volunteer for the Special Olympics. She is a member of leadership and academic honor societies Omicron Delta Kappa and Alpha Chi. She also has been named to the Deans' List every semester.
- **The Chart**, MSSU's student newspaper, this year brought home 19 awards including five first-place honors at the Missouri College Media Association Convention.
- Missouri Southern's **Speech and Debate Squad** placed fourth, just behind the U.S. Air Force Academy, among 80 colleges and universities from 25 states in the 2009 National Forensics Association (NFA) Championships.



Successful graduates ...

- Missouri Southern graduates performed 17 points above the national average on the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) certification examination.
- **Dr. Jarod Roll**, '00, (History) earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 2006 and is now Director of the Marcus Cunliffe Centre for the Study of the American South at the University of Sussex, Brighton, England. <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cunliffe> The Mt. Vernon native's Ph.D. dissertation won two prestigious prizes: Best Dissertation in Labor and Working-Class History, awarded in 2006 by Labor History, and The Herbert Gutman Outstanding Dissertation in U.S. Labor and Working Class History, awarded in 2008 by the Labor and Working Class History Association. He is author of *Spirit of Rebellion: Labor and Religion in the New Cotton South*, and co-authored *The Gospel of the Working Class: Labor's New Deal Prophets*.
- **Sharon Weber**, '92, (Communication) is Senior Manager for Corporate Affairs at Wal-Mart, Inc. and former Communications Manager in the Media Relations Office for the global organization.
- **Shannon Martinous**, '07, (Music) is studying at the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.
- **Darren Morgan**, '08, first-year teacher at Joplin R-8 Memorial Middle School, and **Amy Jones**, '08, first-year teacher at Carthage R-9's Fairview Elementary, were named Outstanding Beginning Teachers by the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Ahles, Austin Dupree †
 Ahmed, Saher †
 Barge, Jennifer Lynn
 Brous, Kortni Rachelle †
 Brown, Katelyn Ann
 Buckley, Amye E.
 Buckley, Anna Stewart ‡
 Capps, Christopher J.

Cullers, Christina Louise
 Davis, Holly Jean ‡
 Dean, Lora Alison
 Fancher, Brandon Lee* ‡
 Fluharty, Sara N.
 Frencken, Megan Leigh
 German, Valerie Marie
 Harrington, Loria Lee

Howe, Tim C.
 Lightle, Jared Heath*
 McFadden, Rachel S. ‡
 McGlocklin, James A.
 Olson, Jennifer Lynn*
 Silvertooth, Tiffany Ann
 Stickel, Malinda Jane
 Talbott, Dawn M. ‡

Tallman, Jessica Mae †
 Thomas, Joshua Gabriel* ‡
 Thuong, Scott Van † ‡
 Walker, Megan Nichole ‡
 Weis, Nicholas Anthony † ‡
 Welters, Elizabeth Jean
 Yocum, Kari Michele

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Bader, Linda Sue
 Bertelsen, Michael Brent*
 Carter, Ryan Paul
 Day, Matthew Douglas †
 Driver, Hayley Michelle
 Eck, Melissa Rae
 Fritchie, Kari Ann †
 Hardie, Cassie Alison

Hartman, Echo Dawn
 Holanda, Michele Lea
 Huser, Adrienne Marie †
 Jones, Amber Faye †
 Klepzig, Terri Lea
 LeMasters, Joshua Evan*
 Littlefield, Amanda Gene
 Llewellyn, Nicole Renee

Massey, Stacey Dawn
 McAllister, Gitana G.
 McRae, Niki Lee Redden
 Merlotti, Perry William*
 Mills, Keith John
 O'Hanahan, Lisa Ann
 Parrigon, Aubrey Lynn
 Payton, Karla Jane

Petty, Bryan Mathew
 Quist, James A.*
 Shelhamer, Timothy A. †
 Todd, Tonya Michelle
 Tregnago, Adrienne Alise
 Williams, Jennifer Alma

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Abbiatti, Sarah Elizabeth
 Ansell, Nicole Dorothy
 Armstrong, Andrew Stephen
 Austin, Tauna Marie*
 Barge, Jennifer Lynn
 Barnes, Stacey Lynn*
 Bearden, Eric S.
 Bennett, April Dawn †

Bolinger, Jordan LeAnne*
 Boyer, Shelly N.
 Borgard, Shannan Marie* †
 Cecil, Kayleigh Anne
 Collier, Jessica Rene †
 Davis, Aaron Berry
 Dillahay, Megan Marie*

Groves, Bryan Michael
 Holloway, Michael Andrew
 Howerton, Kathryn Marie
 Huckle, Jamie Diane
 Ivie, Clyde Eugene*
 Kieslich, Alexander Lewis
 Klassen, Scott Andrew

Lux, Tanner Russell
 Olson, Jennifer Lynn*
 Peters, Autumn Marie
 Petersen, Trevor David
 Sparlin, Kimberly Dawn
 Stockton, Emma R.
 Swadley, Chelsea Sue
 Thornburg, Anna Michele

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Blanchard, Heather Marie*
 Olson, Jennifer Lynn*

Hale, Cassie Diane
 Patton, Jenna Nichole

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Holanda, Michele Lea
 Tregnago, Adrienne Alise

Klepzig, Terri Lea

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Austin, Tauna Marie*
 Lungren, Heidi Elizabeth

Barnes, Stacey Lynn*
 Smith, Shannon Lee
 Tuttle, Laura L.

Groves, Bryan Michael
 Thornburg, Anna Michele

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Baker, Montero Shorntae

Art
Columbus, MS

Barge, Jennifer Lynn

English
Grove, OK

Botlik, Mandy Lynn

Art
Monett

Buckley, Amye E.

Communication
Neosho

Buckley, Anna Stewart ‡

Music / German
Neosho

Calderon, Megan Alejandra*

Spanish
Webb City

Carnahan, Clayton J.

English
Mound Valley, KS

Clark, Tara Richelle*

English
Joplin

Conrace, John Mark Allen †

International Studies
Lamar

Crinnian, Eric Charles

Communication
Webb City

Culmer, Amanda Pray

Political Science
Bentonville, AR

Davis, Ashley Dawn

Communication
Lamar

Dean, Lora Alison

International Studies
Drexel

Dillahay, Megan Marie*

Art
Joplin

Dodge, Charles Joseph

Art
Garden City, KS

Dominguez, Noemi

Spanish
Webb City

Doss, Charity Faith

Art
Joplin

Driver, Hayley Michelle

History
Joplin

Eaton, Linetta Louise

Art
Joplin

Elett, Casey John*

Communication
Broken Arrow, OK

Ensor, Julie Marie

German
Joplin

Fair, Whitney Blake

Art
Carthage

Fancher, Brandon Lee* ‡

Spanish
Joplin

Forest, Renee Elizabeth

Music
Joplin

Gilbertson, Brett Thomas*

Communication
Alpena, MI

Godfrey, Amanda Nicole*

Communication
Allen, TX

Grau, Beverly Arlene

International Studies
Monroe, WI

Gray, Danna Sue

Art
Lee's Summit

Griswold, Jarrod Ray

Communication
Coffeyville, KS

Hardie, Cassie Alison

Theatre
Joplin

Harrington, Lacy Jay

Art
Neosho

Harrington, Loria Lee

Music
Duenweg

Hatfield, Shannon Marie

English
Monett

Henson, Trisha

Chemistry
Neosho

Hinkle, Ben T.

International Studies
Neosho

Hoofnagle, Brandi Lynn

Theatre
Carthage

Huser, Adrienne Marie †

Spanish
Joplin

Johnson, Derek Kent Cripps

History
Joplin

Kachur, Logan Paul

Political Science
Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada

Kastler, Kyle Alan

Spanish
Altamont, KS

Klinginsmith, Jill Suzanne

Political Science
Carthage

Lacy, Kristin Marie

English
Mount Vernon

Lefferts, Joy Maneka

English
Stockton

Leggott, Courtney Jade

Theatre
Webb City

Low, Jessica Lynn

English
Joplin

Mailles, Kim D.

English
Neosho

Martz, Adrienne Leigh

Communication
Joplin

Mason, Mitchell Alexander

Communication
Webb City

Mast, Cory Alan

Music
Miami, OK

McCluskey, Ryan Dean

Biology
Moberly

McDonald, Samuel Kenneth

Communication
Imperial

McFadden, Kalee Nicole*

International Studies
Tucson, AZ

McNickle, Jennifer

History
Wichita, KS

Michaud, Briana Estelle

Communication
Webb City

Monroe, Matthew*

Communication
N. Little Rock, AR

Norris, Shauna Esther

Communication
Joplin

Nunnally, Nanda A.*

English
Joplin

Phipps, Erin Marie

Music
Joplin

Poiry, Alexander Charles

German
Joplin

Roelfsema, Isaac R.

English
Neosho

Ryan, Stephanie Lynne*

Communication
Galena, KS

Saunders, Gemma Rachael

Political Science
Charlotte, NC

Schuster, Heather Lynn

English
Neosho

Smiley, Daisy Ann

Communication
Joplin

Sparlin, Kimberly Dawn

English
Carl Junction

Sutherland, Matthew Ryan

Spanish
Joplin

Tallman, Jessica Mae †

Communication
Joplin

Terry, Jason Alan †

Music
Purdy

Walker, Jr., Jeffrey Allen

Art
Saint Louis

Walker, Megan Nichole ‡

Communication
Grapevine, TX

Wasson, Stephen Ryan

Art
Carl Junction

White, Brandon Michael*

Communication
Ash Grove

White, Danielle Renee

Theatre
Lee's Summit

Youngblood, Jessi Ra

Art
Diamond

Bachelor of Science

Aleshire, Chase Andrew

Mathematics
Joplin

Ahles, Austin Dupree †

Biology
Carthage

Ahmed, Saher †

Biology
Joplin

Anderson, Kellen Russell

Biology
Cedar Springs, MI

Anderson, Lauren Michelle

Biology
Noel

Botzow, Samantha Nichole

Biology
Verona

Boyer, Shelly N.

Biology
Park Hills

Coe, Brooke Ashley

Biology
Carl Junction

Daulton, Brock Lucas

Sociology
Osceola

Day, Darrin Scott

Sociology
Joplin

Day, Matthew Douglas †

Political Science
Neosho

De La Cruz, Kayela Lynn

Communication
Coffeyville, KS

Doughty, Jamie Melissa

Biology
Rich Hill

Drake, Elizabeth Rae

Biology
Joplin

Edman, Elise Kristine

Biology
Joplin

Endicott, Michelle Suzanne

Sociology
Cartersville

Flinn, Jr. Richard A.

Biology
Carl Junction

Fritchie, Kari Ann †

Biology
Lee's Summit

Frost, Rachel Marie

Biology
Southwest City

Gage, Kathleen Marie*

Biology
Lamar

German, Valerie Marie

Biology
Pea Ridge, AR

Goff, Derek Wayne*

Communication
Kansas City

Gooch, Linda "Krissy" Kristina

Political Science
Joplin

Gullett, Laura Renee

Sociology
Carl Junction

Hall, Chelsey Ryan

Biochemistry
Racine

Harris, Daron A.

Communication
Saint Louis

Hill, April Kathleen*

Environmental Health
Carthage

Hodge Jr., John F.

Biology
Reeds

Hucke, Jamie Diane

Biology
Bartlett, KS

Kearney, Heather, K.

Political Science
Joplin

Kreientsieck, Karen Ann

Biology
Nevada

Layton, Tiffany Nicole

Biology
Caney, KS

Lewis, John Andrew

Environmental Health
Joplin

Martin, Jennifer Marie*

Biology
Oklahoma City, OK

McCluskey, Ryan Dean

Biology
Moberly

McFadden, Rachel S. ‡

Sociology
Joplin

Miller, Katherine Alena

Biology
Joplin

Millican, Jesse Charles

Communication
Joplin

Muse, Cori

Biology
Dallas, TX

Norris, Abbey Jewel

Biology
Carthage

Perry, Bradley Benjamin

Mathematics
Kansas City

Petty, Bryan Mathew

Biology
Manchester

Powell, Rebecca Leah

Sociology
Raymore

Powell, Sara Kay

Biology
LaRussell

Price, Kristina Robin

Communication
Commerce, OK

Quist, James A.*

Communication
Jasper

Roberts, Whitney Nicole

Biology
Baxter Springs, KS

Russell, David Anthony

Biology
Springfield

Sanders, Aaron Dwight

Biochemistry
Joplin

Schaughnessey, Allison Karene

Biology
Saint Louis

Shelhamer, Timothy A. †

Environmental Health
Pueblo, CO

Smith, Garrett Andrew

Biology
Carthage

Sonis, Samantha Ekosita*

Communication
Joplin

Stull, Ashley Kavan

Sociology
Oronogo

Thuong, Scott Van ‡ †

Computational Mathematics /
Mathematics
Joplin

Tyurikov, Ilya A.

Biology
Joplin

Webb, Dacon Marie

Communication
Carl Junction

Wheeler, Ashley Ragan

Biology
Joplin

Whiles, Austin Wayne

Biology
Overland Park, KS

Williams, Lisa Jean

Sociology
Rich Hill

Williamson, Dawn Renee

Biology
Galena, KS

Yang, Mai Yia

Sociology
Stark City

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Anderson, Heather L.

Nursing
Joplin

Anderson, Kora Marie

Nursing
Sheldon

Anderson, Summer Dawn

Nursing
Anderson

Aubrey, James Carlton*

Criminal Justice Administration
Muskogee, OK

Austin, Tauna Marie*

Criminal Justice Administration
Fairland, OK

Barbosa, Karen Sue

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Barnes, Stacey Lynn

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Baugh, Joshua J.

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Bennett, April Dawn †

Nursing
Joplin

Blankenship, Dustin Kay

CIS- Computer Forensics/
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Bontrager, Sheila Marie

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Brake, Stefanie Lynn

Health Science
Joplin

Brattin, Ashden Nichole

Nursing
Joplin

Breidenstein, Desiree Marie

Health Science
Joplin

Brewster, Rafael Johnathan

Criminal Justice Administration
Sugar Hill, GA

Brous, Kortni Rachelle †

Nursing
Liberal

Brown, Stacy Erin

Health Science
Webb City

Burris II, Jerry L.

Criminal Justice Administration /
Computer Forensics
Granby

Byrns, Anna Jean

Nursing
Joplin

Caire, Nicole Carol

Nursing
Rogers, AR

Carey, Collyn Elizabeth

Health Science
Neosho

Carter, Daniel Richard

Nursing
Joplin

Chapman, Latisha Nicole

Nursing
Joplin

Coatney, Wesley Brett

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Collier, Jennifer Renee

Nursing
La Russell

Comer, Jo A.

Nursing
Riverton, KS

Corum, Kathrine Anne*

Health Science
Joplin

Deras, Luke Francis

Criminal Justice Administration
Santa Barbara, CA

Douglas, Gabriel Mark

Criminal Justice Administration
Mount Vernon

Dowling, Cheryl Jeanette*

Criminal Justice Administration
Girard, KS

Eck, Melissa Rae

Health Science
Sarcoxie

Elliot, Mandy Nicole*

Health Science
Anderson

Ensz, Jessica LeeAnn

Health Science
Oronogo

Ezell, Charity Catherine

Health Science
Neosho

Feagans, Brett Anthony

CIS- Information Technology
Neosho

Fletcher, Kimberly Dawn

Nursing
Neosho

Gabauer, Laura Anne

Criminal Justice Administration
Town & Country

Gammill, Clent Eugene

Criminal Justice Administration
Springfield

Garrison, Kelly S.

Criminal Justice Administration
Fort Scott, KS

Garvey, Whitney L.

Health Promotion & Wellness
Webb City

Gary, Dallas Wayne

Industrial Engineer Technology
Stark City

Goodwin, Ryan Patrick

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Groves, Bryan Michael

CIS- Information Technology
Carthage

Harding, Steven Andrew

Criminal Justice Administration
Fredonia, KS

Hartman, Echo Dawn

Nursing
Goodman

Heidlage, Kyle Gerard

Criminal Justice Administration-Computer
Forensics / CIS-Computer Forensics
Pierce City

Hilburn, Alicia Nicole

Nursing
Seneca

Hill, Victoria Ashley

Nursing
Joplin

Holenda, Michele Lea

Criminal Justice Administration
Cassville

Holloway, Michael Andrew

Criminal Justice Administration / CIS-
Computer Forensics
Joplin

Jacobs, Karen J.

Health Science
Sikeston

Jenkins, Leslie Michele

Health Science
Springdale, AR

Jones, Amber Faye †

Nursing
Reeds

Jones, Georgia Lee

Health Science
Belle

Katchmar, Jeffrey Steven

Criminal Justice Administration
Thompson, Manitoba, Canada

Khang, Sheng

Criminal Justice Administration
Cassville

King, Hannah MaeEllen

Nursing
Verona

Kirby, Kayle Danielle

Health Science
Girard, KS

Klepzig, Terri Lea

Criminal Justice Administration
Farmington

Kohler, Alexander Bradley

Criminal Justice Administration
Nixa

Lindsey, Brittani Leigh

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Long, Travis Alan*

CIS- Information Technology
Neosho

Madden, Erin Jessica

Criminal Justice Administration
Lowell, AR

McGinn, Aaron Leviticus

CIS- Information Technology
Carl Junction

McGlocklin, James A.

Criminal Justice Administration / CIS-
Computer Forensics
Oronogo

McIntosh, Darren Edward

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Meister, Mahriya Dawn

Criminal Justice Administration
Alba

Mertens, Magen Elise

Nursing
Joplin

Miller, Michelle Lynn

Nursing
Pierce City

Minich, Megan Suzanne

Nursing
Joplin

Montgomery, Ashley B.

Criminal Justice Administration
Hutchinson, KS

Moore, Benjamin P.

CIS- Information Technology
Iantha

Nelson, Joy Marie

Nursing
Webb City

Olson, Jennifer Lynn*

Criminal Justice Administration
Billings

Osburn, Dustin Kelly

Criminal Justice Administration
Neodesha, KS

Otten, Rebecca Lynne

Health Science
Neosho

Patrick, Bryan DeSolomon

Criminal Justice Administration
Columbia, TN

Patrick, Lynae Annette*

Health Science
Carthage

Patton, Brent Christopher

CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal Justice-
Computer Forensics
Carl Junction

Pedersen, Angela Jo

Criminal Justice Administration
Monett

Petersen, Trevor David

CIS- Information Technology
Carthage

Plott, Justin Robert

Nursing
Miami

Poiry, Alexander Charles

CIS- Information Technology
Joplin

Post, Deann Lee

Nursing
Carl Junction

Prater, Jared Tucker

Juvenile Justice / Criminal Justice
Administration
Springfield

Prater, Meghan Dawn

Health Science
Joplin

Putnam, Kyle Craig

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Ragsdale, Carrie Ellen

Criminal Justice Administration
Miller

Ready, Danielle Renae

Nursing
Pittsburg, KS

Ring, Jennifer Jane

Health Science
Cuba

Ripplemeyer, Aaron Christopher

Nursing
Waterloo, IL

Ritchie, Megan Kathleen

Nursing
Joplin

Robertson, Shelly Dawn

Nursing
Joplin

Roehrs, Ashley R.

Nursing
Lamar

**Rosenbohm, Mary Kathryn
Hembrough**

CIS- Information Systems
Joplin

Russell, Erika Nicole

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Salazar, Michelle Elizabeth

Nursing
Carthage

Sato, Chiho*

Health Science
Plano, TX

Schlup, Zachary Charles

Criminal Justice Administration
Centralia

Scoggin, Charla Joy

Nursing
Joplin

Self, Margaret Ann

Health Science
Joplin

Sewell, Seth Elver

Nursing
Webb City

Sheperd, Kimberly Ann*

Criminal Justice Administration
Seneca

Sollers, George Lynn*

Health Science
Carterville

Sowell, Marcella Marie*

Health Science
Joplin

Spruill, Tylie Marie

Health Science
Altamont, KS

Stone, Justin Maxwell

Health Science
Broken Arrow, OK

Terrell, Rebekah Renee

Nursing
Joplin

Thomas, Joshua Gabriel * †

CIS- Information Technology
Carthage

Thornburg, Anna Michele

Health Science
Moberly

Thuong, Scott Van ††

CIS- Computational Math
Joplin

Tregnago, Adrienne Alise
Juvenile Justice
Joplin

Turner, Ashton Marie
Health Science
Kansas City

Turner, Lindsey Kathleen
Nursing
Riverton, KS

Voss, Sarah Lynn
Health Science
New Haven

Waldo, Christine S.
Nursing
Carthage

Wallis, Marisa Leann*
Health Science
Mountain Home, AR

Watkins, Rhiannon Elias
Criminal Justice Administration
Independence

Webb, Brandon Scott
Health Science
Diamond

Webb, Eva Jolene Marie
Nursing
Joplin

Webb, Hollie Beth
Nursing
Carthage

Wilkinson, Kaitlin Sue
Criminal Justice Administration
Solon, IA

Wilks, Michael Dwayne
CIS- Information Technology
Neosho

Williams, Esther Leigh
Criminal Justice Administration
Liberal

Wissmiller, Lee Hazard
CIS-Computer Forensics / Criminal Justice Administration
Dewitt, IL

Woodring, Crystal Rachele
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Woods, Christopher W.
CIS-Computer Forensics
Joplin

Associate of Science

Aubrey, James Carlton*
Law Enforcement
Muskogee, OK

Austin, Tauna Marie*
Law Enforcement
Fairland, OK

Baird, Ashley Nicole
Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Barbosa, Karen Sue
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Baugh, Joshua J.
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Bilyeu, Jason Ronald*
CADD - Engineer Technology
Lamar

Blackburn, Lacey Dawn
Dental Hygiene
Rolla

Blanchard, Heather Marie*
Radiology Technology
Liberal

Bontrager, Sheila Marie
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Brake, Stefanie Lynn
Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Brashear, Hayley Melee
Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Brewster, Rafael Johnathan
Law Enforcement
Sugar Hill, GA

Brown, Stacy Erin
Dental Hygiene
Webb City

Burns, Mindy Ann
Dental Hygiene
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ALMA MATER

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Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy